

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:
 - storing a set of data on a data storage medium;
 - displaying a graphical user interface to a user, wherein the graphical user interface is a graphical representation of a data protection policy and a replication policy; and
 - providing the user with an ability to modify the data protection policy and the replication policy through the graphical user interface.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising modifying the data protection policy based on input received from the user through the graphical user interface.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising modifying the replication policy based on input received from the user through the graphical user interface.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface displays a logical source volume.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the data protection policy is a physical failure policy.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the data protection policy is a logical failure policy.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the replication policy is a scheduling policy.

8. A set of instructions residing in a storage medium, the set of instructions capable of being executed by a controller to implement a method for processing data, the method comprising:

- storing a set of data on a data storage medium;
- displaying a graphical user interface to a user, wherein the graphical user interface is a graphical representation of a data protection policy and a replication policy; and
- providing the user with an ability to modify the data protection policy and the replication policy through the graphical user interface.

9. The set of instructions of claim 8, wherein the method further comprises modifying the data protection policy based on input received from the user through the graphical user interface.

10. The set of instructions of claim 8, wherein the method further comprises modifying the replication policy based on input received from the user through the graphical user interface.

11. The set of instructions of claim 8, wherein the graphical user interface displays a logical source volume.

12. The set of instructions of claim 8, wherein the data protection policy is a physical failure policy.

13. The set of instructions of claim 8, wherein the data protection policy is a logical failure policy.

14. The set of instructions of claim 8, wherein the replication policy is a scheduling policy.
15. A processing system comprising:
 - a memory that stores a set of data;
 - a controller that enacts a data protection policy and a replication policy to protect the set of data against disruptions;
 - a display that shows to a user a graphical user interface providing a graphical representation of the data protection policy and the replication policy; and
 - an input device that provides the user with the ability to modify the data protection policy and the replication policy through the graphical user interface.
16. The processing system of claim 15, wherein the graphical user interface displays a logical source volume.
17. The processing system of claim 15, wherein the data protection policy is a physical failure policy.
18. The processing system of claim 15, wherein the data protection policy is a logical failure policy.
19. The processing system of claim 15, wherein the replication policy is a scheduling policy.

20. The processing system of claim 15, wherein the input device includes at least one of a mouse, keyboard, pointing device, touch screen, stylus, joystick, game pad, track ball, light pen, microphone, and speech recognition device.